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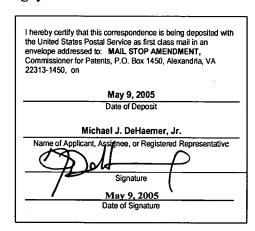
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Dear Sir:



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated November 9, 2004, be extended for three months to May 9, 2005.

A response to the Office Action, dated November 9, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith.

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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the three months extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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